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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 September 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 59-65 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 59-65 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of **claim(s) 59-65** in the reply filed on September 20, 2005 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that additional features of dependent **claim(s) 65**, does not make the claims restricted (remarks, page 7). This is not found persuasive because the previous rejection stated clearly that the **claim(s) 52-58 and 66-71** are separate invention from the elected claims and from different search classes and subclasses.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.

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4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

4. **Claim(s) 59-65** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brown et al. (US 5,535,261) in view of Kitchin et al. (US 5,539,812).

Regarding **claim(s) 59**, Brown discloses a method for controlling institutional communications (FIG. 1 and column 1, lines 9-13), comprising:

recording a conversation on telephone connection between a regulated calling party and a called party, the regulated calling party residing in an institution (column 3, lines 36-49);

detecting tones arising during the telephone connection (column 3, lines 36-42);

comparing the tones to a predetermined call-bridging tone set to identify an attempt to bridge the telephone connection between the regulated calling party and the call party to include a third party (column 9, lines 39-42).

Brown discloses starting the recording of the telephone conversation on a 3-way calling signal but fails to disclose preventing such call.

However, Kitchin teaches wherein the call-bridging tone set includes at least one of dial tones, busy signal tones, ring signal tones, dual tone multi-frequency tones, and special instruction tones (column 13, lines 37-48); and

executing call-bridging prevention instructions in response to an identified call-bridging attempt based upon comparing the tones to the predetermined call bridging tone set (column 13, lines 49-65).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Brown using the teaching of prevention of 3-way call as taught by Kitchin.

This modification of the invention enables the system to prevent 3-way call so that the system would control outgoing call of inmates.

Regarding **claim(s) 60**, Brown discloses a method, wherein executing the call-bridging prevention instructions comprises: terminating the telephone connection (column 8, lines 46-51).

Regarding **claim(s) 61**, Brown discloses a method, wherein executing the call-bridging prevention instructions comprises: inserting a warning message into the telephone connection (column 8, lines 60-62).

Regarding **claim(s) 62**, Brown discloses a method, wherein executing the call-bridging prevention instructions comprises: recording a telephone number of the third party (column 8, lines 62-67).

Regarding **claim(s) 63**, Brown discloses a method, wherein executing the call-bridging prevention instructions comprises: blocking further calls between the regulated calling party and the called party (column 8, lines 62-67).

Regarding **claim(s) 64**, Brown discloses a method, wherein executing the call-bridging prevention instructions comprises: comparing a telephone number of the third party against a list of authorized called parties (column 8, lines 46-51); and

terminating the telephone connection unless the telephone number of the third party appears on the list of authorized called parties (column 8, lines 62-67).

Regarding **claim(s) 65**, Brown discloses a method, wherein executing the call-bridging prevention instructions comprises: recording a conversation on telephone connection between a regulated calling party and a called party, the regulated calling party residing in an institution (column 8, lines 46-51);

detecting tones arising during the telephone connection (column 8, lines 46-51);

comparing the tones to a predetermined call-bridging tone set to identify an attempt to bridge the telephone connection between the regulated calling party and the called party to include a third party, wherein the call-bridging tone set includes at least one of dial tones, busy signal tones, ring signal tones, dual tone multi-frequency tones, and special instruction tones (column 8, lines 46-51); and


executing call-bridging prevention instructions in response to an identified call-bridging attempt based upon comparing the tones to the predetermined call bridging tone set (column 9, lines 15-32).

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gerald Gauthier whose telephone number is (571) 272-7539. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-7547. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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